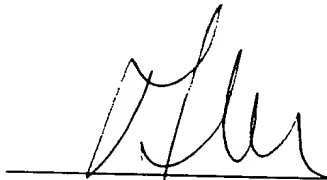


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Applicants submit this Preliminary Amendment to provide as a separate part of the disclosure, a "Sequence Listing" pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825. As such, Applicants submit that no new matter has been introduced by these amendments. In addition, Applicants submit herewith in paper copy and on floppy disk the Sequence Listing in computer readable form. Applicants respectfully request entry of this Preliminary Amendment prior to examination of the present application.

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APPENDIX I**MARKED-UP VERSION OF SPECIFICATION'S REPLACEMENT PARAGRAPHS**

The following is a marked-up version of the specification's replacement paragraphs pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121(b) with markings showing changes made herein to the previous version of record of the specification.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On the first page of the specification, please delete the paragraph that appears between the "Title Of The Invention" and the "Background Of The Invention" and insert the following paragraph:

- -This is a Continuation of copending application(s) 09/129,026 filed on 08/04/98, which claims priority to United States Provisional Application Serial No. 60/113,667, filed 08/04/97 (which was converted on February 23, 1999, by grant of petition, from a United States Utility Application), which claims priority to United States Utility Patent Application Serial No. 08/905,825, filed on 08/04/97. [This application claims the benefit of priority of United States Serial No. 08/905,825, filed August 4, 1997, which was converted to a United States Provisional Application, the entire contents of which is incorporated herein by reference.]- -